

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: JIANG et al.

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Title: METHODS FOR MODIFYING PLANT
BIOMASS

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) Examiner: Collins, C.E.
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) Art Unit: 1638
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) Response to Final Rejection
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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed May 6, 2003, and regarding the above-referenced application, please consider and make of record the following amendments and remarks. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

This response is being filed with a petition for a two month extension of time, allowing Applicants until October 6, 2003 to reply, and is thus timely filed.

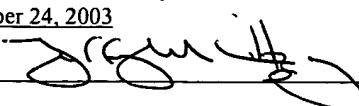
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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